

For years there has been the "Madeleine O'hare hoax" circulating within the Christian circles. I'm afraid you are about to see another situation where you will find your office inundated with emails on a similar subject.

I am writing about a new proposal which will also take away my freedom as an American Citizen - the proposed LPFM expansion.

1) I am a resident of a very sparsely populated state - Wyoming. I recently moved from a very sparsely populated state - Montana. We do not have the urban sprawl necessary to fund the quality of radio service locally that we are accustomed to, thru such radio stations as K-LOVE (in WY) and SOS (in MT).
2.) I understand that in some thinking - one Christian radio station is as good as another, but in fact the quality ones are few and far between. When I discovered SOS in Montana, I felt as if I had been stranded on an island and someone brought me a boat - so great was my relief and joy at discovering such a hugely quality radio station. I used to deliver mail in my car and I could pick it up on my whole route which extended to some very remote places. I also discovered that I could pick it up on my head phones when doing data entry and it helped my days pass quickly. When I moved to Casper, one of my fears was that I would not have SOS available ... but I was pleased to discover another radio station that easily took its place - K-LOVE.

2) These radio stations and their staff become 'best' friends to the hearer. I have sent prayer requests to them and feel like I know each personally. When I sometimes return to the SOS listening audience, it feels like a reacquaintanceship. It is because of these stations that I personally have successfully survived divorce and other painful experiences. They helped keep me moving ahead, encouraging with their teachings and Scripture Readings and the music. SOS and K-LOVE provide the listener with a huge quantity and quality of music that would not be available to a lesser funded, local station. It does not make sense to downsize radio stations who could not possibly compile the quantity of listening material that one larger ones provide. By following through with the proposal, it will cause a bunch of mediocre stations to provide their limited material in endless repetition vs a larger station like SOS or K-LOVE who has an larger supply of material and therefore, seldom repeats the same music - other than the top 20. Also, the local one that we sometimes listen to here, shuts down (low budgets) at 8:30 PM and does not return to the air until 6 AM.

3) Both stations play reader's comments over the air. Besides myself personally, I know individuals whose lives have been changed in dramatic ways, simply by listening to these radio stations. They have become contributing members of their communities - as have I - through the teaching and edification these stations provide.

I strongly urge you to rescind this proposal to expand the LPFM's service in the manner described in MB Docket No. 04-233.

Thank you. LaVonna S. Holbrook-Stinnette